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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- o Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



#3
Docket No. 826.1411D4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Yutaka KATSUYAMA

Serial No.: 09/755,046

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: Group Art Unit: 2623

Filed: January 8, 2001

: Examiner: Unassigned

For: RULED LINE EXTRACTING APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING RULED LINE FROM
NORMAL DOCUMENT IMAGE AND METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION
PAPERS AND PETITION TO WITHDRAW SECOND REQUIREMENT
FOR SUBSTITUTE DRAWINGS

PETITIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated April 9, 2001 set forth two reasons for requiring new drawings.

First, "drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s)." Only Figure 15 has incorrect margins, and so a corrected Figure 15 is submitted concurrently.

Second, "drawing figures contain text that is not in English." Withdrawal of this requirement is respectfully requested, for the reasons stated below.

The present invention relates to removing unwanted lines from characters. The Figures not using English text illustrate Japanese characters with unwanted lines through them and how these lines can be removed. The actual meaning of the Japanese characters is irrelevant. The Japanese characters are graphical objects, to illustrate line removal. Further, to translate these characters into English would not be possible, as the length of the English translations would be different from the Japanese counterparts, which would change the meaning and structure of all of the Figures. The undersigned Attorney spoke to Bridgett Gray, the Chief U.S.P.T.O. Draftsperson on January 11, 2000 with regard to the very same requirement for the parent case of the present Application (Serial No. 08/909,137), and she agreed that these Figures did not have to be translated.

The Applicant further spoke to Bob Spar at the U.S.P.T.O. with regard to the very same requirement for the parent case of the present Application (Serial No. 08/909,137), who is listed on PTO-Communications as a contact to discuss the new rules. Mr. Spar confirmed that due to the circumstances, the drawing objections should be withdrawn.

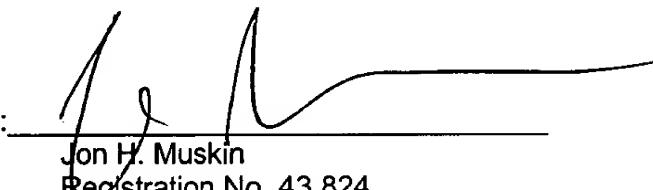
Therefore, in view of the above, the requirement for substitute drawings because figures contain text that is not in English is respectfully traversed, and withdrawal of this requirement is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions or you would like to discuss this matter, please contact the undersigned Attorney by telephone.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

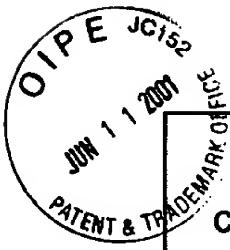
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<p>Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.84 and in response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed <u>April 9, 2001</u> for the above-identified application, enclosed are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RETURN COPY of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers<input type="checkbox"/> Executed Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney executed by the inventor for completing the missing parts of the subject application. The undersigned registered attorney states that the subject application is the application which the inventor executed by signing the attached Declaration.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal Drawings<input type="checkbox"/> English-language translation of application<input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition to Withdraw Substitute Drawings Requirement																							
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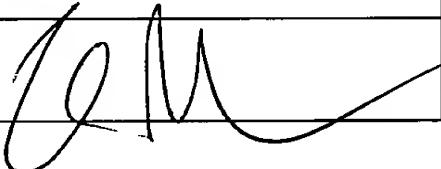
AUTHORIZATION

- If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 necessary to maintain pendency of the present application to:

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